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We have a right to know!!!

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As I understand the basic reasons our fore fathers bothered to come to this country in the first place was to have a fair say in the rules that governed their lives.

The issue of requiring labels to identify products which have been genetically engineered strikes at the basic reason this country exists. The fact that elected officials would choose for any reason not to inform the public is unacceptable, and evidence that these officials do not have the best interest of their constituents in mind.

If there is truly nothing flawed in the science then labeling should actually help the cause of the companies providing these products. If, on the other hand, there is something flawed in even one case the people have the right to know so they can make informed choices.

Dishonesty is not one of the ideals this country was built on and it angers me that the government and their many agencies do not seem to care.

If it were one of your immediate family to be the unknowing individual who consumed a product based on an engineering mistake and it cost your family member their future, would you still feel they didn't have the right to know what they were consuming?

We all have the right to know what is being provided. Whether we choose to consume or not is our choice. Keep in mind that all of the evidence of the negative effects of tobacco doesn't seem to slow most people down when it comes to smoking or chewing. It is only the greed of the companies providing these products and the government officials they take under their wing that make any of this an issue at all.

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